SI. No.	Name of villages
155.	Aparkachhar
156.	Bacchivakash
157.	Beta
158.	Kunkuri
159.	Bamharunara
160.	Chlka
161.	Jabla
162.	Jumna
163.	Pongsala
164.	Sajbabar
165.	Basudipur
166.	Sagareli
167.	Patratoli
168.	Rockebabar

Status of manufacture of satellite phone terminal

2663. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of manufacture of satellite phone terminal in India, for which C-DoT acquired technology from USA;

(b) the money spent on this, so far; and

(c) the utility achieved through this investment or how it is to be utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) The Satellite Phone Terminal based on technology acquired from erstwhile COMSAT Lab, USA by CDoT are not being manufactured in India.

(b) The money spent so far on this project is Rs. 21.8 Crores including Satellite Earth Station.

(c) The utility could not be achieved through the investments made

due to un-stable performance of Mobile Satellite transponders on INSAT-2C and -3B and failure of INSAT-2D Satellite.

The characteristics of the Mobile Satellite Services (MSS) transponders of INS AT 3C launched in January, 2002 are under observation. As there has been considerable delay from the launch of the Project, the demand of the users is to be reconfirmed. Further the issues related with the manufacturability of remote terminals and continuous availability of mobile Satellite Transponders on INSAT Satellite are to be re-ascertained before commencement of any commercial services based on this technology.

Guidelines for Diamond Certification

2664. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any guidelines on Diamond Certification;

(b) whether Government consider it necessary to make Diamond Certification compulsory; and

(c) if not, whether Government would take-up the issue in the interest of customers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No such proposal is under consideration of Government.